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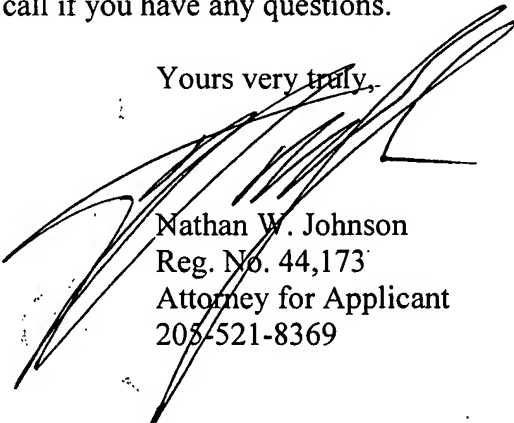
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RE: **Application Ser. No. 10/774,544**
Filed February 9, 2004
Inventor: Holmes, William W., IV et al
Response to RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
Examiner: Eric K. Nicholson (Art Unit 3679)
Docket No.: P60205US03NJ

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to the Office Action, being a response to Requirement for Restriction/Election. Thank you very much for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,



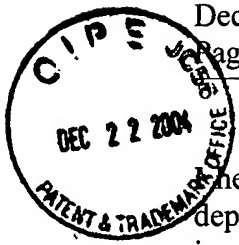
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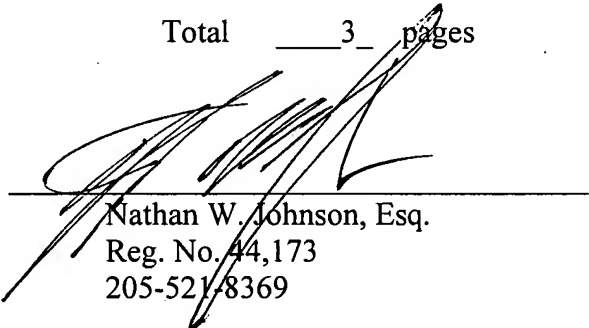
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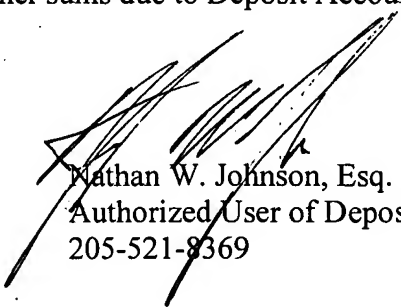
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 22, 2004. Claims 1-3 were pending at the time of the instant office action. The Examiner found three (3) distinct inventions (an invention in each of the Claims) and required restriction for the purposes of examination.

Requirement for Restriction – Applicant's Election

The Applicant elects Claim 2, which is the method claim, for further prosecution. The election of Claim 2 is made without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue Claims 1 and 3, or any other claim, in a divisional application which may be filed hereafter.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the foregoing have addressed the comments of the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the application be processed for further prosecution on the merits. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require action, Applicant invites the Examining Attorney to telephone Nathan W. Johnson, Applicants' Attorney so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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